



# The Herald

18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

I'm sure that you have noticed that the rubber surface under the climbing frame has lifted. This is a trip hazard and so we have taped this area off. I am currently completing the application for National Lottery funding for new equipment. Last year, the children talked to me about having a shelter on the playground. I am looking to also incorporate this in a bid. If you know of any other grants, perhaps through your work, that we could apply for or you have experience with grant applications, please pop in and see me.

We are excited to share with you some information about our new PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) scheme of work, Jigsaw. It is used by many schools and promotes well-being and mindfulness and covers a variety of important PSHE topics including families, celebrating difference and diversity, coping with change, being safe and healthy eating, building positive and healthy relationships, anti-bullying and having goals and aspirations. Jigsaw is taught through a series of six puzzles (units of work) across the year. This term we have looked at 'Being Me in My World'. The children have enjoyed meeting the Jigsaw characters Jenie (Year R), Jack (Year 1), Jo (Year 2) and not forgetting Jerrie Cat! They have been introduced to Calm Me time and have started to learn about the importance of pausing to stop and think. More information is available from the school and will be put onto the website later in the term.

Our thought of the week for next week is a combination of Community and Self-esteem – 'I can help others believe in themselves'. We will be focusing on using kind words to each other.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz  
Headteacher

## Early Years

We have been incredibly busy this week! The children have wowed us with their recall of all we have been learning and continue to grow in confidence with their sound recognition in phonics.

As part of our class communities, we have started our 'Handy Helpers' jobs in the classroom. Each week a group of children will take responsibility for checking different areas in the classroom at the end of the day to make sure they are tidy.

Next week as well as preparing for our project outcome, we will be learning about Christians and how they show that they belong to their faith. In phonics we will be learning ck, e, u, r. Please remember to look in book bags for the sounds to work on at home from the previous week. In maths we will continue to look at the number two. We will be sending home your log in details to Oxford Owl next week, where additional books can be accessed online. Please look out in book bags for these and if you have any problems, please see come and see us.

We are excited to share all of our learning with you next week at our project outcome. Please bring in your home learning pictures on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** ready for our art gallery on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:45pm.**

Have a lovely weekend,  
Early Years Team

### Year 1

Thank you to everyone who managed to come and see our end of project outcome yesterday! The children loved sharing what they have been doing this term.

This week the children have enjoyed designing and creating their own kites out of plastic bags just like Stanley. We had great fun testing them out in the playground this afternoon!

In maths this week we have been writing addition number sentences. Next week we will be looking at subtraction. Our main focus next week will be RE where the children will be learning about Diwali.

Thank you for your continued support.

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend,

Year 1 Team

### Year 2

We hope that you enjoyed our end of project event this afternoon. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning to play the ukulele this half term and were very excited to share their new skill with you!

We will be predominantly working on maths next week; looking at number bonds to 20 and 100 and how to use commutativity. We will also be completing our last piece of writing for the Journey Home by writing a fact file on one of the animals from the story.

Homework has been set on Purple Mash. As always, please don't complete them all! Also, a reminder that the White Rose Maths link is available for additional maths learning:

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/digital-tools>

### Other

As part of our phonics this week we used the Spellzone website. We were looking at soft c and identifying spelling patterns. The children particularly enjoyed the 'monkey business' game on Spellzone so we promised that we would give you the link so that they could play at home!

[https://www.spellzone.com/word\\_lists/games-2901.htm](https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/games-2901.htm)

There are lots of other spelling games available from Spellzone that we will be using throughout the year.

We have had a couple of named sweatshirts that have gone missing. Please could we ask that you check you have the right ones. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2 Team

### School Notices

#### Nasal Flu Vaccine

You would now have received an email regarding your child's Nasal Flu Vaccination which will take place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Please can you read the email and complete the online consent form.

#### Parents Evening

The Autumn Term Parents Evenings have been added to Arbor and bookings will be open from Monday 14th October at 4pm.

You will need an Arbor account to login and book a slot if you wish to see your child's teacher. You are welcome to bring your child with you if you do not have childcare options at home that night.

If you do not have access to Arbor, please contact the school office for assistance.

### **Children in Need**

Children In Need will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, please can your child wear something spotty to school. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

### **Poppy Appeal**

You are now able to purchase these items in the school office.



### **Castle Hill Friends**

#### **\*HALLOWEEN DISCO\***

The Halloween Disco is fast approaching – Don't forget to buy your child's ticket via [www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends) tickets cost £3.

24/10/24 – Early Years 16:00-17:00 Year 1&2 17:10-18:10

#### **\*AUTUMN RAFFLE\***

We have now launched our Autumn Raffle! Tickets cost £1 each or £4 for a strip of 5.

You can win a **WELLINGTON ILLUMINOVA family ticket** or one of our **AMAZING hampers!**

You can buy your tickets via the website [www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends)

The winners will be drawn on Friday 8th November 2024.

As always Thank You for supporting our fundraising.

Follow Castle Hill Friends on Facebook or Instagram for regular updates.

Keep an eye on our socials for updates on upcoming events

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[www.instagram.com/castlehillfriends](http://www.instagram.com/castlehillfriends)

[castlehillfriends@outlook.com](mailto:castlehillfriends@outlook.com)

**Stars of the Week**



Edward  
Bryony  
Naseem  
Airlie  
Lincoln  
Frazier-James



**Diary Dates**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Early Years Project outcome – **2:45pm** (Parents invited)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Castle Hill Friends Disco – **Early Years** 16:00- 17:00 and **Year 1 & 2** – 17:10 – 18:10

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - INSET Day – School Closed to children

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half Term Holiday

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening